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SUBJ: OFFICIAL KOREAN REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE BY
ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN FOR USE AT PRESS BRIEFING
HELD AT 10:30 A.M. JULY 1. SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS
CONCERNING SECRETARY VANCE'S JUNE 29 SPEECH DRAWING ON THIS
GUIDANCE:

QUOTE A) QE WELCOME THE FACT THAT THROUGH HIS ADDRESS BEFORE THE
ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 29, 1977, SECRETARY VANCE
REAFFIRMED THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF THE ROK
AND DEMONSTRATED THE FIRM DETERMINATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT
TO CONTINUE THE JOINT DIPLOMATIC EFFORT BY THE U.S. AND ROK
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TO CONSOLIDATE PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, EMPHASIZING
THAT THE SECURITY OF THE ROK IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PEACE AND
SECURITY OF NORTH EAST ASIA.

B. IN LIGHT OF HIS RECONFIRMED VIEW THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF
U.S. GROUND TROOPS FROM KOREA WOULD BE CARRIED OUT CAREFULLY
AND GRADUALLY AND THAT THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT THE STRENGTHENING

OF ROK DEFENSE CAPABILITY SO AS NOT TO ENDANGER THE SECURITY
VF THE ROK, WE BELIEVE IT IS THE CLEAR EXPRESSION OF HIS
GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY COMPENSATORY
MEASURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND
FORCES.

C. NORTH KOREA IS STRONGLY WARNED AGAINST ANY MISCALCULATION
ABOUTPHE RESOLUTE DETERMINATION OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO
MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECUTITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IN
THIS REGARD, WE WISH TO CALL UPON NORTH KOREA ONCE AGAIN TO
RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS MADE BY
OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END QUOTE
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